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SUBJECT: NORWAY: AGREEMENT REACHED ON HSPD-6 TEXT

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Classified By: Acting DCM Cherrie S. Daniels for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (SBU) In a meeting October 21, 2009 at the Norwegian Police Security Service Headquarters (PST) in Oslo, a team from the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism (S/CT), and the US Embassy reached an agreement with the PST on the text of a HSPD-6 terrorism-information exchange arrangement.

¶2. (SBU) The meeting was attended by Rick Kopel, Principal DG of the TSC; Diane Bean, Director of Terrorism Information Sharing, S/CT; Lyn Brown, General Counsel TSC; Kathryn Youel Page, Attorney Advisor S/CT; Arthur Sepeta, Junior Counsel TSC; Consul and Vice Consul. The Norwegian side was led by Maria Saeloer, Assistant Chief of Police; Kjell Egge, Assistant DG of the Section for Treaty Law, MFA; and Tonje Meinich, Legal Advisor, MOJ.

¶3. (SBU) Negotiations went smoothly with a well prepared Norwegian team focused on clarifying a few points on data access and sharing. After a thorough line by line read through and revision of the text, both sides were satisfied with the end result. The agreement text now awaits final review and interagency processing within the GON. Barring unforeseen delays, the Norwegians believe they can sign the agreement before the end of November.

¶4. (C) Saeloer clarified that the terrorism screening information PST would provide will include persons of both Norwegian and non-Norwegian citizenship. She also stated that the list would be very short, perhaps fewer than ten names. Saeloer explained that under Norwegian law, membership in a terrorist organization alone is not illegal and would not form the basis for watchlisting. Those on their list have links to actual terrorist activities, she said.
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